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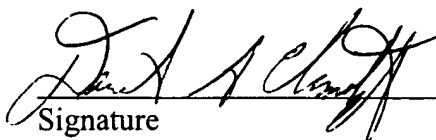
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 9 and 10-15 as follows and cancel claims 5 and 6. The amendments are shown in detail in Attachment 1.

1. (Amended) A method for managing the sale of a tier-priced commodity comprising the steps of:
  - a. determining a first price for a commodity at a first tier;
  - b. determining a second price for said commodity at a second tier;